# Hunterdon County

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### **DeRewal Chemical Company**

Route 29 (River Road) Kingwood Township Hunterdon County

**BLOCK:** 50 **LOT:** 4

CATEGORY: Superfund TYPE OF FACILITY: Chemical Manufacturing

Federal Lead **OPERATION STATUS:** Inactive

PROPERTY SIZE: 1.4 Acres SURROUNDING LAND USE: Residential/Industrial

MEDIA AFFECTEDCONTAMINANTSSTATUSGround WaterVolatile Organic CompoundsDelineated

Metals

Soil Volatile Organic Compounds Removed

Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

Metals

FUNDING SOURCES AMOUNT AUTHORIZED

 Superfund
 \$17,570,000

 1986 Bond Fund
 \$1,720,000

 1981 Bond Fund
 \$5,000

#### SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

DeRewal Chemical Company operated a chemical manufacturing facility at this site between 1970 and 1974. The site is located in a rural area where ground water is used for drinking water supplies. Operations at the facility involved mixing and packaging a textile preservative and manufacturing an agricultural fungicide. Chemicals used at the facility included metals, acid solutions, fertilizer nutrients and other compounds. Numerous chemical spills were reported in 1973, including one incident in which a tank truck drained 3,000 to 5,000 gallons of a highly acidic chromium solution onto the soil. The company excavated the contaminated soil in 1974, but left it on site in two partially covered piles which were allowed to erode. The owner of the company subsequently ceased operations and filed for bankruptcy.

USEPA added the DeRewal Chemical Company to the National Priorities List of Superfund sites in 1984. A Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) conducted for the site revealed that the shallow aquifer was contaminated with volatile organic compounds and metals at levels exceeding ground water quality criteria. Contamination was also detected in the deeper aquifer at levels below ground water quality criteria. The RI/FS also revealed that the soil at the site was contaminated with metals, including chromium, and organic compounds.

In 1989, after completing the RI/FS, USEPA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) with NJDEP concurrence. The ROD required excavation of the contaminated soil, followed by on-site thermal treatment of the organic-contaminated soil and solidification/stabilization of the inorganic-contaminated soil, and extraction of the contaminated shallow ground water with off-site disposal at an industrial waste water treatment facility. However, after reviewing additional data obtained during the Remedial Design process, USEPA modified the soil remedies to excavation and off-site disposal in two Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) that were issued in 1994 and 1997. The 1997 ESD also specified that chromium contaminated soil located below the water table would not be excavated since it is not a source of ground water contamination. USEPA completed removal of approximately 60,000 tons of contaminated soil from the site in 1998. USEPA is evaluating recent ground water sampling results to determine whether remediation of the shallow aquifer is still warranted now that the soil that may have been contributing to the ground water contamination has been addressed.



## Flemington Water Department Well 7 65 Route 12 Flemington Borough

**Hunterdon County** 

**BLOCK:** 35 **LOT:** 37

CATEGORY: Non-Superfund TYPE OF FACILITY: Unknown Source

State Lead, IEC OPERATION STATUS: Not Applicable

PROPERTY SIZE: Not Applicable SURROUNDING LAND USE: Residential/Commercial

MEDIA AFFECTEDCONTAMINANTSSTATUSGround WaterCarbon TetrachlorideConfirmed

Potable Water Carbon Tetrachloride Treating

**FUNDING SOURCES**1986 Bond Fund
\$240,000

#### SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

Flemington Water Department Well 7 is a primary source of potable water for 4,000 Borough residents. The supply well was closed down in 1994 when routine sampling revealed that the water was contaminated with the volatile organic compound carbon tetrachloride at levels exceeding New Jersey Drinking Water Standards. The source of the contamination is unknown. NJDEP's Division of Publicly Funded Site Remediation completed a Remedial Action Selection (RAS) in 1997 that concluded installation of an air stripper on the well was the most cost-effective method to address the contamination. The Flemington Water Department installed the air stripper in 1998 using funds provided by NJDEP and is operating and maintaining the unit. NJDEP is performing additional investigative work to identify possible sources of the contamination at this site.

| PROJECT NAME                    | RI/RAS | DESIGN | CONSTR | O&M |              |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|--------------|
| Receptor Control (Air Stripper) |        |        |        |     | Planned      |
|                                 |        |        |        |     | Underway     |
|                                 |        |        |        |     | Completed    |
|                                 |        |        |        |     | Not Required |

## High Bridge Water Department Well Field Contamination Buffalo Hollow Road Lebanon Township Hunterdon County

**BLOCK:** 10 **LOT:** 38

CATEGORY: Non-Superfund TYPE OF FACILITY: Unknown Source

State Lead, IEC OPERATION STATUS: Not Applicable

PROPERTY SIZE: Not Applicable SURROUNDING LAND USE: Residential

MEDIA AFFECTEDCONTAMINANTSSTATUSGround WaterTricholorethyleneConfirmed

Potable Water Trichloroethylene Treating

**FUNDING SOURCES**1986 Bond Fund
\$200,000

#### SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

The High Bridge Water Department's Bunnvale Well Field consists of four bedrock aquifer wells. Sampling of the individual wells conducted in 1995 and 1996 revealed that three of the four wells were contaminated with trichloroethylene (TCE) at levels exceeding New Jersey Drinking Water Standards. One of the four wells was taken out of service in 1995 due to the high TCE levels and the contamination in the remaining wells was reduced to acceptable levels through blending. The source of the contamination is unknown. NJDEP's Division of Publicly Funded Site Remediation completed a Remedial Action Selection (RAS) in 1997 that concluded the most cost-effective long-term remedy was to install an air stripper to treat the contamination in all four wells. Lebanon Township completed construction of the air stripper in 1998 using funds provided by NJDEP and is operating and maintaining the unit. NJDEP plans to perform additional investigative work to identify possible sources of the contamination at this site.

| PROJECT NAME                    | RI/RAS | DESIGN | CONSTR | O&M |              |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|--------------|
| Receptor Control (Air Stripper) |        |        |        |     | Planned      |
|                                 |        |        |        |     | Underway     |
|                                 |        |        |        |     | Completed    |
|                                 |        |        |        |     | Not Required |

## **Holland Sales and Service**

1050 Milford Glen Road Holland Township Hunterdon County

**BLOCK:** 6 **LOT:** 40

CATEGORY: Non-Superfund TYPE OF FACILITY: Gasoline Service Station

State Lead **OPERATION STATUS:** Active

PROPERTY SIZE: 0.9 Acre SURROUNDING LAND USE: Residential

MEDIA AFFECTEDCONTAMINANTSSTATUSGround WaterVolatile Organic CompoundsDelineating

Potable Water Volatile Organic Compounds Treating

Soil Petroleum Hydrocarbons Delineating

FUNDING SOURCES

1986 Bond Fund

Corporate Business Tax

\$115,000

\$124,000

#### SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

Leaking underground storage tanks contaminated the soil and ground water at this service station during the late 1980s. The owner/operator of the service station removed the leaking tanks and some of the contaminated soil in 1988 but did not address the ground water. Sampling conducted in 1996 revealed that several nearby private potable wells were contaminated with gasoline-related volatile organic compounds at levels exceeding New Jersey Drinking Water Standards. NJDEP installed Point-of-Entry Treatment (POET) water filtration systems on the wells to provide potable water for the residents and is monitoring and maintaining the units to ensure they continue to operate effectively. NJDEP's Division of Publicly Funded Site Remediation is conducting a Remedial Investigation (RI) to delineate the soil and ground water contamination and will use the findings to establish a ground water Classification Exception Area (CEA) for the site.

| PROJECT NAME             | RI/RAS | DESIGN | CONSTR | O&M |              |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|--------------|
| Receptor Control (POETS) |        |        |        |     | Planned      |
| Sitewide                 |        |        |        |     | Underway     |
|                          |        |        |        |     | Completed    |
|                          |        |        |        |     | Not Required |

## Mobil Service Station Flemington Borough

144 Main Street Flemington Borough Hunterdon County

**BLOCK:** 36 **LOT:** 22

CATEGORY: Non-Superfund TYPE OF FACILITY: Gasoline Service Station

State Lead **OPERATION STATUS:** Active

PROPERTY SIZE: 0.3 Acre SURROUNDING LAND USE: Commercial/Residential

MEDIA AFFECTEDCONTAMINANTSSTATUSGround WaterVolatile Organic CompoundsConfirmed

Soil Volatile Organic Compounds Confirmed

FUNDING SOURCES
Corporate Business Tax

AMOUNT AUTHORIZED
\$282,000

## SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

This site is also known as Eric's Main Street Mobil service station. Investigation of the property began in 1992, after the telephone company discovered gasoline-contaminated ground water had seeped into an adjacent subsurface telephone utility vault. Gasoline vapors were subsequently detected in another nearby telephone utility vault and the basement of a telephone company building, which is connected in line to the two vaults. The telephone company removed the contaminated ground water and installed grates on the vaults to ventilate the gasoline vapors. In 1993, NJDEP directed the service station owner vent the gasoline vapors from the telephone company's basement and subsurface conduits, determine the source of the discharge and delineate and remediate the soil and ground water contamination at the site, but the owner did not comply. NJDEP's Division of Publicly Funded Site Remediation conducted a preliminary investigation of the site in 1998 that confirmed the ground water and soil were contaminated with several gasoline-related volatile organic compounds, including benzene, xylene and methyl-tertiary butyl ether (MTBE). In addition, air monitoring conducted during the preliminary investigation demonstrated that explosive gasoline vapors accumulated rapidly in the telephone vault when it was not vented. NJDEP's Division of Publicly Funded Site Remediation began a Remedial Investigation/Remedial Action Selection (RI/RAS) in 1999 to determine the extent of the contamination and evaluate cleanup options. Additional soil and ground sampling is scheduled to occur at the site during 2001.

| PROJECT NAME | RI/RAS | DESIGN | CONSTR | O&M |              |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|--------------|
| Sitewide     |        |        |        |     | Planned      |
|              |        |        |        |     | Underway     |
|              |        |        |        |     | Completed    |
|              |        |        |        |     | Not Required |

## Mobil Service Station Frenchtown Borough 22 Race Street Frenchtown Borough Hunterdon County

**BLOCK:** 52 **LOT:** 2

CATEGORY: Non-Superfund TYPE OF FACILITY: Gasoline Service Station

State Lead, IEC OPERATION STATUS: Inactive

PROPERTY SIZE: 0.25 Acre SURROUNDING LAND USE: Commercial/Residential

MEDIA AFFECTEDCONTAMINANTSSTATUSGround WaterVolatile Organic CompoundsPotential

Soil Volatile Organic Compounds Partially Removed/Delineating

Surface Water Petroleum Hydrocarbons Delineating

Sediments Petroleum Hydrocarbons Delineating

**FUNDING SOURCES**Corporate Business Tax

AMOUNT AUTHORIZED

\$148,000

#### SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

This site is located directly adjacent to Nishisakawic Creek, a tributary of the Delaware River. In 1999, gasoline product seeped through a retaining wall at the site into the creek, creating a sheen on the surface water and causing gasoline vapors to accumulate in neighboring homes. NJDEP placed absorbent booms in the creek to remove the gasoline product and mitigate the vapor problem. The source of the discharge was determined to be a leaking 4,000 gallon underground gasoline storage tank at the service station property, and the service station owner removed the underground tanks, excavated the contaminated soil down to bedrock and backfilled the excavation with clean soil. However, several subsequent episodes of seepage into the creek occurred, indicating the presence of petroleum product in the ground water and/or bedrock fractures. NJDEP's Division of Publicly Funded Site Remediation will begin a Remedial Investigation and Remedial Action Selection (RI/RAS) in 2001 to delineate the extent of the contamination at the on-site and off-site areas, including the creek, and identify cleanup alternatives.

| PROJECT NAME | RI/RAS | DESIGN | CONSTR | O&M |              |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|--------------|
| Sitewide     |        |        |        |     | Planned      |
|              |        |        |        |     | Underway     |
|              |        |        |        |     | Completed    |
|              |        |        |        |     | Not Required |

## **Red Horse Shoppes Incorporated**

Route 31 & Payne Road Clinton Township Hunterdon County

**BLOCK:** 89 **LOT:** 8.01

CATEGORY: Non-Superfund TYPE OF FACILITY: Gasoline Service Station

State Lead, IEC **OPERATION STATUS:** Active

PROPERTY SIZE: 1 Acre SURROUNDING LAND USE: Residential/Commercial

MEDIA AFFECTEDCONTAMINANTSSTATUSGround WaterVolatile Organic CompoundsConfirmed

Potable Water Volatile Organic Compounds Alternate Water Supply

Provided

Soil Volatile Organic Compounds Confirmed

**FUNDING SOURCES**Corporate Business Tax

AMOUNT AUTHORIZED
\$66,000

#### SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

This site is also known as the A&L Oil Mobil service station. The property is owned by Red Horse Shoppes, Inc. In 1990, NJDEP was notified that the soil at the service station and an on-site and several off-site private potable wells were contaminated with petroleum products. NJDEP investigated and determined that the source of the contamination was most likely a leaking underground gasoline storage tank at the service station. In 1990 and 1991, NJDEP issued two directives that required the gasoline retailer to perform a remedial investigation at the property and take immediate corrective action. A&L Oil removed four underground fuel storage tanks from the site in 1991 but left the soil excavated during the tank removal on site and did not delineate the ground water contamination. In addition, A&L Oil did not comply with a 1993 directive from NJDEP that required the gasoline retailer to address nearby private potable wells believed to be contaminated with gasoline-related volatile organic compounds.

In 1999, NJDEP's Division of Publicly Funded Site Remediation began a Remedial Investigation and Remedial Action Selection (RI/RAS) to delineate the extent of the contamination in the soil and ground water and evaluate cleanup alternatives. Sampling of nearby private potable wells conducted as part of the RI identified one well that was contaminated with volatile organic compounds above New Jersey Drinking Water Standards and a Point-of-Entry Treatment (POET) water filtration system was installed at that property. NJDEP plans to begin the soil and ground water sampling phase of the RI in 2001.

| PROJECT NAME | RI/RAS | DESIGN | CONSTR | O&M |              |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|--------------|
| Sitewide     |        |        |        |     | Planned      |
|              |        |        |        |     | Underway     |
|              |        |        |        |     | Completed    |
|              |        |        |        |     | Not Required |

### Schaffernoth's Nursery Old York Road & Route 202

### East Amwell Township Hunterdon County

**BLOCK:** 1402 **LOT:** 45

CATEGORY: Non-Superfund TYPE OF FACILITY: Flower and Garden Center

State Lead, IEC **OPERATION STATUS:** Active

PROPERTY SIZE: 10 Acres SURROUNDING LAND USE: Agricultural/Residential

MEDIA AFFECTEDCONTAMINANTSSTATUSGround WaterVolatile Organic CompoundsDelineating

Soil Volatile Organic Compounds Delineating

**FUNDING SOURCES**1981 Bond Fund
\$100,000

#### SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

This property is used for agricultural and retail operations. A retail store, two garages and several greenhouses occupy one third of the property and the rest is cultivated. Sampling of an on-site potable well in 1997 revealed that it was contaminated with high levels of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), a volatile organic compound used as a gasoline additive. A subsequent investigation revealed that the source of the contamination was a leaking underground gasoline storage tank located at the property. The property owner removed the leaking underground gasoline storage tank and some contaminated soil under the supervision of NJDEP's Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks, but did not conduct any further remedial work. NJDEP's Division of Publicly Funded Site Remediation began a Remedial Investigation/Remedial Action Selection (RI/RAS) in 1998 to determine the extent of the contamination in the soil and ground water and identify cleanup alternatives. Sampling of private potable wells in the area conducted as part of the RI did not revealed any contamination at levels exceeding New Jersey Drinking Water Standards.

| PROJECT NAME | RI/RAS | DESIGN | CONSTR | O&M |              |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|--------------|
| Sitewide     |        |        |        |     | Planned      |
|              |        |        |        |     | Underway     |
|              |        |        |        |     | Completed    |
|              |        |        |        |     | Not Required |

### **US Route 22 & Mountain Road Well Contamination**

#### **US Route 22 and Mountain Road**

**Readington Township** 

**Hunterdon County** 

**BLOCK:** Various **LOT:** Various

CATEGORY: Non-Superfund TYPE OF FACILITY: Unknown Source

State Lead, IEC **OPERATION STATUS:** Not Applicable

PROPERTY SIZE: Not Applicable SURROUNDING LAND USE: Residential/Industrial

MEDIA AFFECTEDCONTAMINANTSSTATUSGround WaterVolatile Organic CompoundsConfirmed

Potable Water Volatile Organic Compounds Treating

Soils Volatile Organic Compounds Confirmed

FUNDING SOURCES AMOUNT AUTHORIZED

1986 Bond Fund \$22,000

#### SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

Sampling conducted by the Hunterdon County Health Department in 1991 identified 11 private potable wells in this area that were contaminated with various volatile organic compounds at levels exceeding New Jersey Drinking Water Standards. The source of the contamination is unknown. NJDEP installed Point-of-Entry Treatment (POET) water filtration systems on the affected wells to provide potable water for the residents. NJDEP's Division of Publicly Funded Site Remediation subsequently completed a water supply alternatives analysis that concluded the most cost-effective long-term solution was the continued use of POET systems at the affected residences. NJDEP is monitoring and maintaining the POET systems to ensure the units continue to operate effectively. NJDEP is performing additional investigative work at this site to identify possible sources of the contamination.

| PROJECT NAME                       | RI/RAS | DESIGN | CONSTR | O&M |              |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|--------------|
| Receptor Control (POETS)           |        |        |        |     | Planned      |
| Water Supply Alternatives Analysis |        |        |        |     | Underway     |
|                                    |        |        |        |     | Completed    |
|                                    |        |        |        |     | Not Required |

## Willocks Court Ground Water Contamination Willocks Court Readington Township Hunterdon County

**BLOCK:** Various **LOT:** Various

CATEGORY: Non-Superfund TYPE OF FACILITY: Unknown Source

State Lead, IEC **OPERATION STATUS:** Not Applicable

PROPERTY SIZE: Not Applicable SURROUNDING LAND USE: Residential

MEDIA AFFECTEDCONTAMINANTSSTATUSGround WaterTrichloroethyleneConfirmed

Tetrachloroethylene 1,1 Dichloroethylene

Potable Water Trichloroethylene Treating

Tetrachloroethylene 1,1 Dichloroethylene

FUNDING SOURCES
Spill Fund
\$110,000

#### SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

Sampling conducted by the local health department in 1988 identified 20 private potable wells in this area that were contaminated with chlorinated volatile organic compounds at levels exceeding New Jersey Drinking Water Standards. The source of the contamination is unknown. NJDEP subsequently installed Point-of-Entry Treatment (POET) water filtration systems on the contaminated wells to provide potable water for the residents. In 1990, NJDEP's Division of Publicly Funded Site Remediation completed a water supply alternative analysis that concluded the most cost-effective long-term solution was the continued use of POET systems at the affected homes; however, since water lines were recently extended close to the area, NJDEP is reevaluating the water supply alternatives for the site. NJDEP continues to monitor and maintain the POET systems to ensure the units continue to operate effectively while the water line option is being reviewed. NJDEP is performing additional investigative work at this site to identify possible sources of the contamination.

